

REMARKS

The Amendment to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to insert a cross reference to other applications from which the instant application claims benefit of priority.

The Sequence Listing

Applicants have amended the Sequence Listing in the instant application according to the December 21, 2000 Preliminary Amendment in United States Application No. 09/746,390 (hereafter “the ‘390 application”), which is the parent of the present application.

Applicants also request that the Patent Office use in the present application the Computer-Readable-Form copy of the Sequence Listing that was filed in the December 21, 2000 Preliminary Amendment in the ‘390 application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary changes in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. To complete the Sequence Listing Requirements, applicants submit a statement verifying that the attached substitute Sequence Listing and the Computer-Readable-Form copy of the substitute Sequence Listing filed December 21, 2000 in the ‘390 application as described above are the same and do not include new matter.